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SUBJECT: NORTH SINAI DEMONSTRATIONS REFLECT ANGER AT LACK
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REF: A. 09 CAIRO 2249 B. 09 CAIRO 1458 C. 09 CAIRO 1889 Classified By: Minister Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs Donald A. Blome fc
1.(S/NF) Demonstrations in El Arish on January 2-3 protesting the government's inability to provide security for the people drew 5-7,000 people
2.(S/NF) Security in El Arish, the capital of the North Sinai Governorate has declined since July 2009 as nomadic Bedouin from central Sinai ha
3.(S/NF) Despite the change in personnel, Fawakhria Bedouin council advisor Atta doubts Egypt's security forces will be able to control the vic
4.(S/NF) Comment: Our contacts in central Sinai complained about heavy-handed tactics from Shousha (reftels A and C), but it is unclear that hi